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SUBJ: ZANU VIEW ON FOREIGN PEACEKEEPING FORCE

1. ZANU REPRESENTATIVE TO ZAMBIA HENRY MAKONE INFORMED EMBOFF JULY 13 THAT IN UNLIKELY EVENT OF SUCCESSFUL ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE, ZANU WOULD NOT REJECT OUTRIGHT THE CONCEPT OF INTRODUCING OUTSIDE TROOPS INTO RHODESIA DURING AN INTERIM PERIOD. MAKONE SAID ZANU'S FINAL DETERMINATION WOULD DEPEND ON WHICH COUNTRIES SENT TROOPS. STATES SUCH AS NIGERIA, YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA AND BRAZIL WOULD NOT BE OUT OF QUESTION. MAKONE SAID ELECTIONS HELD DURING INTERIM PERIOD WITH SMITH CONTROLLING MECHANISMS OF LAW AND ORDER WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO ZANU AND HE UNDERSTOOD THAT UK HAS REJECTED PATRIOTIC FRONT CONTROL OF SAME.

2. ALTHOUGH IT CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED WHETHER MAKONE'S COMMENTS REFLECT LATEST ZANU THINKING, AS OFFICIAL ZANU REPRESENTATIVE IN ZAMBIA, MAKONE IS CERTAINLY IN POSITION CONFIDENTIAL

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TO KNOW. UNEXPECTED ASPECT OF MAKONE VIEW WAS REASONABLE APPROACH TO RESOLVING TROOP PROBLEM AND LESS DOGMATIC POSITION THAN THAT INITIALLY TAKEN BY NKOMO. VARIANCE IS ALL THE MORE INTERESTING CONSIDERING FACT THAT ZANU, NOT ZAPU HAS CARRIED BRUNT OF GUERRILLA FIGHTING WITHIN RHODESIA TO DATE. ON OTHER HAND, ZANU MAY FEEL SAFE IN SIGNALING ACCEPTANCE TO OUTSIDE TROOPS ON SUPPOSITION SMITH WOULD REJECT SAME.

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